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Dear CALFED,

It is humans who have caused species to become endangered with extinction and it is therefore mandatory that we produce the solutions to prevent any plant or animal from going extinct. It is morally indefensible to do anything less. Sufficient water flows through the Delta and Bay must be made to insure a healthy habitat for all living things that have historically made their homes in those areas.

The fairest and easiest way to accomplish that goal and still have water for farms and humans is through conservation. The fact that many communities in the semi-arid Central Valley do not meter water usage by all customers is ridiculous and irresponsible. Water is our most precious resource and yet we continue to condone the squandering of it.

If our state implemented strict but reasonable water conservation standards, there would be no need to consider the construction of new dams, which are very detrimental to the environment.

It is time we acknowledge the truism that the more we try to coerce and corrupt nature to our bidding, the greater are the long term repercussions on our health and serenity that are so costly to correct.

Respectfully,



Brian Newton
Secretary